

REMARKS

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicant selects Group 3 comprising claims 38-40, 43 and 45. Applicant has canceled the non-elected claims without prejudice; these claims will be filed in one or more divisional applications. Applicant also now adds claims 79-86 as claims dependent on claims within the elected Group of claims. No new matter has been added.

With the cancellation of the above noted non-elected claims it is believed that the newly added claims can be added without additional fees being generated. However, if the presentation of this Reply and Amendment generates any fees, or if any fees are due for the present application or the new claims, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees to deposit account number 23-0920 of Applicant's undersigned attorneys.

It is believed that no petition or other paper is required as a result of this Reply and Amendment, however, if any petition is required, Applicant would appreciate it if the Commissioner would consider this paper to encompass any such petition and requests that any fee for any such petition be charged to the above noted deposit account.

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In view of the above arguments, Applicant suggests that the Application is in order for allowance, and requests that a notice of allowance issue. Continued examination and specifically examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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